



# MARKET RELEASE

11 December 2008

**Australian Education Trust**

**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Australian Education Trust (the "Trust") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Trust, pending the release of an announcement by the Trust. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 15 December 2008 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:            AEU

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Dear Frances

### **REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT**

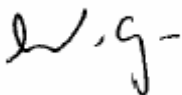
The Directors of Austock Property Management Limited ('APML'), the responsible entity of the Australian Education Trust (ASX:AEU) ('AEU'), request a trading halt of AEU's securities from the ASX.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, the Directors of APML provide the following information:

1. APML notes the statements made yesterday by McGrathNicol, the Receivers and Managers of A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited (Administrators Appointed)(Receivers and Managers Appointed) ('ABS') and the Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, on behalf of the Federal Government, regarding the ongoing review of the ABS business. ABS is a major tenant of AEU's child care centre properties. The trading halt is requested to allow APML time to consider the effect of these statements on AEU.
2. The Directors of APML request a trading halt until the announcement of the effect of these statements, or the commencement of normal trading on Monday 15 December 2008, whichever occurs earlier.
3. The Directors of APML expect the trading halt to be ended by the announcement of the effect of these statements.
4. The Directors of APML are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
5. There does not exist any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 8601 2049 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



Amanda Gawne  
Company Secretary